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Development of Health Sector
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether new initiative and policies have been formulated by the Government for the comprehensive development of health sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total expenditure incurred on various schemes/programmes during the last two years and the current year, Scheme wise/ State-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has formulated any comprehensive health scheme or new action plan by including Non-Governmental Organisations and non-profit making organizations in the implementation of health programmes and schemes particularly in the rural areas of the country?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a) & (b): The Government has formulated National Health Policy, 2017, which aims at attainment of the highest possible level of good health and well-being, through a preventive and promotive health care orientation in all developmental policies, and universal access to good quality health care services without anyone having to face financial hardship as a consequence. The National Health Policy, 2017 is available at http://mohfw.nic.in/sites/default/files/9147562941489753121.PdfThe Government has also devised various new initiatives on health sector which is provided in Annexure-I.

(c): A statement showing major Schemewise releases for last two years and current year is provided at Annexure-II to IV.

(d): The National Health Policy 2017 advocates partnership with multi-stakeholders including partnership with not for profit agencies and NGOs. Policy inter-alia supports enabling engagements with NGOs to serve as support and training institutions for ASHAs and to serve as learning laboratories on future roles of community health workers. The Policy also envisages active involvement of local self-government in areas of capacity building, and provides for community based monitoring of health outputs. The policy also envisages strategic purchase of secondary and tertiary care services as a short term measure from public sector hospitals followed by not-for profit private sector and then commercial private sector in underserved areas, based on availability of services of acceptable and defined quality criteria. The policy also suggests exploring collaboration for primary care services with 'not- for -profit' organizations having a track record of public services where critical gaps exist. The policy has advocated for building synergy with "not for profit" organisations and private sector subject to availability of timely quality services as per predefined norms for critical gap filling.